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SUBJECT: IRELAND IN LINE WITH USG OBJECTIVES ON LIBYA

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[1](#)B. DUBLIN 1450

Classified By: Political-Economic Counselor Mary Dale; Reasons 1.5 (B) and (D).

[1](#)1. (C) On October 22, Post delivered reftel talking points on Libya to Stephen Dawson, Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) First Secretary for the Middle East, and Paul Barnwell, DFA First Secretary for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation. Dawson said that Ireland shared USG interest in monitoring arms transfers to Libya with the lifting of the EU arms embargo. Neither he nor Barnwell knew, however, when the EU "toolbox" for monitoring arms sales would be ready. Barnwell believed that the Dutch presidency would be best placed to provide that information. Dawson recalled that Ireland had not been in the lead among Member States to lift the embargo (ref B). He added that since Ireland was in a minority of Member States on the issue, the GOI had not been inclined to block movement toward the embargo's removal.  
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